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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1907.

The greatest man is he who chooses Right with invincible resolution; who resists the sorest temptations from within and without, and who bears the

### Why General Lee Is Beloved.

The spirit with which the one-hunbirthday of General Robert E. Lee was celebrated yesterday throughout the South shows in the strongest light the veneration and love with which he is enshrined in the hearts

Lee was the conspicuous leader in a lost cause. As far as the cidentally the right of the Southern lavery and they were the only people which General Lee performed his marvelous feats of generalship was ferers in that disaster-a very political and social earthquake-offer devoutest thanks to God that it was at once had such a leader as Lee. They seem to forget their own misfortunes when all, and laid with his sword upon his country's altar his home, his sons,

Southern armies, there was at last no advantage left the Confederates to

ame among the greatest of all comsunk in deepest darkness. No reand broken hearts, be tow. And yet nameless apostates-those who would known as worthy compatriots of Lee all the spoils of place or pelf that victory had gained for their foes. The sacrifice has over the human heart. Throughout the ages past the sacrifice, or the triumph suffered, been counted a part of the est crown of glory there could be no rose to the highest measure of greatness. The purity of his motives reste like sunlight on the greatness of his deeds.

With home and fortune gone, he had the allurements of great wealth offered him for the use of his name. But true to his Divine Exemplar, whose steps he humbly followed, when the kingdoms of the world were offered as the price of worship, he put them behind him, and devoted himself to the noble but sequestered occupation of of his country. The picture of duty and usefulness was thus complete.

It is the recognition of these qualias the atmosphere of his soul that has endeared General Lee to his people. His greatness as a military leader looms up gloriously in the more sublime light of duty, unselfishness, humility and sacrifice

# Save the Homes.

A few weeks ago a citizen of New York invited a fellow-citizen to board at his home, and the boarder had no sooner entered the house than he fell in love with his friend's wife. For some time he annoyed her with his attentions, and finally shot and killed her, then committed sut-

A little later there was a repetition of this horrible tragedy in the city of Roanoke, under almost identical circum-

ly will find many another example, more or less tragic, to confirm the old saying that "no house is large enough for more than one family." The home is our greatest and most sacred institution. It greatest and most sacred institution. It | titude of being in open was the first human institution ordained | against the authority of t by God Almighty, and if we would pro-mote our civilization and increase our different factors and increase our first in their support of the Remorality and righteousness, we must preserve its purity, and to that end protect a against all forms of dangerous intrusion. If possible to avoid it, there should be no member of any family, except those who are members by the ties The greatest menace to soslaty to-day, especially among the poorer so? During the late campaign when

classes, is the crowding of two or more families into the same household, and it s a danger that every man who has proper regard for the sanctity of his home, for its purity, its peace and its general welfare, should avoid, if his circumstances permit. Better a garret which a man may call his own without intrusion than a pretentious house with

### Adams on Lee.

Somebody has said that next to the originator of a good sentence is the first quoter of it. And so we may say that and instructive article on Fort Fisher, next to a great man is he who has the discernment to appreciate his greatness and the grace to acknowledge and proclaim it. It is a tribute to the head and heart and character of Mr. Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, that he has on various occasions spoken so beautifully of Lee, of Virginia, and that he has shown himself proud to honor the memory of our chiefest chieftain.

Three times within the past several years has he delivered orations on Lee and the cause for which he fought-in Chicago, June 17, 1902; in Charleston, De-Washington and Lee University. In all offered no apologies either for himself or for the Confederates. In his address yesthe two former occasions, that "every man in the eleven States secoding from the Union had in 1861, whether he would or no, to decide for himself whether to ad here to his State or to the nation: and I finally assert that, whichever way he decided, if only he decided honestly, putting self-interest behind him, he did

The Southern Confederates a k no more than this from a Northern man or from any man. They are content to have the record read that they followed where their sense of duty led, and as between the Federal government and the State Mr. Adams is brave enough to admit that had he been in General Lee's place he would have done as General Lee did and followed the flag of Virginia,

wise; suppose he had held his command in the United States army and fought against the South; suppose it had been he instead of Grant to subdue the Southern armies into surrender, would the nation have honored him as it now honore Adams or any man have stood in public and said:

"Speaking advisedly and on full raflection, I say that of all the great characters of the Civil War-and it was productive of many whose names and deeds posterity will long bear in recollection-there was not one who passed away in the serene atmosphere and with the gracious bearing of Lee. From beginning to end those parting years of his will nothing venal, nothing querulous, nothing his case there was no anti-climax; for those closing years were dignified, patient, useful, sweet in domesticity; they in all things commanded respect."

Ah! Mr. Adams, you-love the memory of Lee because he sided with his own kith and kin and made a loving sacrifice. You love him because he was a true Confederate, and it does you credit. The whole South honors you and thanks you for the gracious courage you have shown in doing justice to our Lost Cause and the men who fought for it.

The sentiment of this community is favor of midnight closing is overwhelming. It is not the sentiment merely of a few extreme temperance people, but of the general public. The police records show that the all-night saloon is a menace to peace and good morals, and the public has determined that it shall be abolished. Yet, after the Umlant ordinance had been adopted, the question was reopened and the 2 o'clock amendment rushed through the Board of Aldermen, under a suspension of the rules, and in the closing hours By this standard Lee of the session, when some of the members had left. The reporters call it "Mr. mond are in ne humor to submit to any such sharp practices. It will not be tolerated. The amendment might be engineered through the Council by a similar "coup," but it would be a "coup" more costly than the traditional victory of

> their friends in the Council are utterly reckless to fly in the face of public sentiment and undertake to nullify the Umlauf ordinance. The saloon is here by sufferance, and it must be on its good behavior and submit to all reasonable regulations, or it will have to reckon with sterner measures by and by. When it undertakes to defy public sentiment, it from a fanatic. It is a word of warning in season from a conservative newspaper which has ever been opposed to prohibition, and the liquor dealers will ignore ! at their peril.

# Told You So.

One of the most interesting stories ent out from Washington since Congress convened, is the following from our regular correspondent:

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"Senator Blackburn, who is to retire from the Senate on the 4th of March, displayed a piece of generalship in introducing yesterday his resolution disclaiming any intention to 'question or deny the legal right of the President to discharge without honor enlisted men of the army of the United States,' that has not been equaled on the Democratic side in many years. It was a distinct return to, old times, when there was a united minority, following an able and aggressive leader.

"It threw the Republican camp into confusion. It put them into an atenfusion. It put them into an tude of being in open rebe their

Now, Mr. President, didn't we tell you

you were appealing to the voters to give you a Republican majority, in order that the reforms you had begun might be carried out, didn't we tell you that you couldn't rely upon the Republican members? Didn't we tell you that your best friends were to be found in the Democratic ranks? The files of the paper will answer. kenned it would be so, and e'en it is

### Fort Fisher.

Elsewhere will be found an interesting reproduced from the Norfolk Virginian of July 13, 1881. The article was written by the late Lieutenant Michael Glennan, editor, one of the most gallant and chivalrous of soldiers, and he was right in saying that he spoke whereof he knew, for he was a member of the garrison which defended Fort Fisher and was in both engagements.

It had been stated by a Wilmington paper that Colonel William Lamb did not build Fort Fisher, Mr. Glennan testified that he not only built it, but commanded it. Colonel Lamb tendered the command to General Whiting, but that brave and generous soldier politely declined the honor. "A mobier or braver soldier than Whiting," said Mr. Glennan, "never drew sword, and his conduct at Fort Fisher was splendid herolam."

In the same connection is published correspondence between Colonel Lamb and President Davis, in which inaccuracies in Mr. Davis's book are pointed out and admitted. Mr. Davis inadvertently stated that the garrison at Fort Fisher consisted the first engagement there were only 667 men, and in the last only 1,900, including the sick and disabled. In copying Mr. Davis's account of this engagement, we thought he was in error as to the num ber of Confederates at Fort Fisher, and we are glad of this opportunity to make

### Good in Doing Good.

The public-spirited men who are can vassing for the Young Men's Christian money for that institution, and it will be through no lack of industry on their part if the full \$200,000 is not subscribed by the end of the month objective way; but they are doing a are making their own hearts burn and they are learning the lesson and power of co-operation. They are stimulating and promoting public spirit, and th promise of success in other co-operative movements to fellow. campaign of education, a campaign of civic uplift and progress. In this way alone it will be worth far more than th amount of money contributed.

(Selected for The Times-Dispatch.)
"They shall not appear before the Lord empty: every man shall give as he is able, according to the biessing of the Lord thy God, which He hath given thee."—Deut. xvi. 16, 17.

Empty in one sense, empty of blessing up hither, and we must crown His good-The world does not grow more lightdevelopment of material riches and com fort has not done much to exhilarate our lives. The Old Testament has a special charm because the world was young when it was written, hearts were fresh then, and simple experience was new Men now wish to lay the Old Testamen aside, because it is so old and withered they say, but in truth it is its youth and freshness from which they shrink in these careworn days.

archs and the prophets believed; to see as they saw God's hand behind all the mechanism of creation; to feel as they felt the glow of His living presence in the

The leading feature of the Old Testament revelation is that life and al; that ligent Being, and comes to us bearing

The Jews were separated to this end. that God's methods and purposes with all men might be laid bare, and that for once the Hand which is busy in every life might be made clearly manifest. So The liquor traders of Richmond and God took that people and out of helpless, soulless slaves, made them the most free and glorious people of the East. He ransomed them, delivered them, led, guarded and guided them; He fed them with angels' food in the desert, and fulfilled at last their most cherished hopes, their most daring dreams.

The motive which is plead for all the noblest human effort is God's example invites prohibition. This is no threat God has done thus and thus for you; "go ye and do likewise" for your fellow

Man's nature only finds free and joyful play, when he is doing Godlike things, when he is striving to think, will, and act like God; for the only complete life is that which is also divine. The rule is simple indeed.

Are your brethren in bondage? Free them: God has freed you. Is your brother poor? Care for him: God has cared for you. If he goes away, let it not be empty-handed. Full, God sent you forth from Egypt; the blessing on your basket and store has never falled. Your manna lay thick and abundant in the desert; your fields are greater in Canaan. Everywhere this is the motive; the simple. pure, inspiring, glorious motive. "Freely ye have received; then freely give." Do kindly, loving, generous, self-denying acts without grudging; for God has given you

Himself with lavish hand. The greatest of all happiness is that we share with God. When a man does a purely unselfish deed, or gives full play to generous impulse, he tastes a joy that

earth can never know. Part of this Godlike duty finds expression in the text: "None shall appear be-fore the Lord empty." The Lord has filled you with good, and daily pours His

By every possible influence He is striv-

this great universe is a Father's house and in the awful future your eternal

And because He has done all this, we should do something in response some thing that He seeks, desires, and longs for, and which you only can do for Him. Help Him; help His little ones; for His great mercy's sake, help the world!

What are we? What is our power of What are our little trembling gifts in the sum of the great forces that obey His bidding and work out His will? we reason in our sham humility These old records rebuke us sternly; they remind us that in disparaging ourselves ve are dishonoring God. They show us how much there is that His heart deeply cares for, and in which our help is es sential. His end can never be reached without us. We are created to be "fellowworkers with God."

He might have ruled as a despot. He might by His flat have dried up the springs of sadness and misery. But He has chosen to heal them through us. He suffers much to abide which is a bitter sorrow to His heart, because He wants us to know the joy of service. There is no power to save, nor help, except through you, and through God-inspired, Christlike work.

Here is the divine claim on our charity Does not your heart ache and faint when you realize the burden of the sin and sor row around you? The moan enters the ear of Heaven. And the Lord's answer to it is-you. "As the Father hath sent Me into the world, even so send I you"in the same spirit and to the same end.

What are you doing to help? Here is another big opportunity to further His work among the youth of our city-the youth that Satan is trying to capture, and for whom the Lord laid down His life. The silver and the gold are His; but He

waits for your heart to offer and your

Rev. D. H. Kern, pastor of the Braddock Methodist Episcopal Church of Winchester, is holding a successful revival and is working without the aid of roof-raising evangelists. In be ginning the revival, Dr. Kern said:

but to lead and feed the flock," and "I do not believe in the employmen of men to abuse you or to call you names of which I am afraid myself." A revival conducted in this orderly way may not have as many stand-up-

roaring evangelist meeting, but the the world is to be converted to Christianity it will be through the orderly administration of the organized church and not through spasmodic sensa

Because the world takes just so long to rotate on its axis, every day is just as long as every other day. Now, we wish Mr. Harriman would arrange to clap the air-brake on his little possession on holidays, increasing the hour-number to, say, 48. How about it, Ed.?

Miss Ellen Terry, according to the Washington Herald, declares that she will only visit the civilized sections of the United States. We take pleasure in as-Crowned with His goodness we have come Crowned with His goodness we have come Eilen that they will be made thoroughly welcome in Richmond. The man who captured McKinley's as

sassin has lost both the house and the job that Congress gave him for his act, is in financial straits and has just become a waiter. It is obvious that he knows where to make a quick recovery, all John Walsh, Chicago's champion bank, wrecker, has been indicted on 182 separ-ate counts. As an indictee, however, an-other gentleman we could name off-hand has Mr. Walsh, on present scores, hope-leady to the country of the count

lessly declassee. Senator George Nixon's profit from his Nevada mines is said to have been just \$25,00,000 in the past four months. This will come as a surprise to those of us who had been led to believe that George was doing nicely out there.

A Massachusetts man dropped dead The friends escaped virtually friends. Mysterious are the

Now Governor Vardaman has cordially endorsed Mr. Brynn. Hardly a day passes, et must seem to the colonel, without some one strolling out and jabbing that boom

"We need more poets," cries Newell Dwight Hillis, a reverend gentleman of hitherto unimpeached sanity, and evident-ly not a reader of the Christmas num-bers.

Referring again to our 3,141 Philippine Islands, why not give 1,000 of them to Captain Hobson and lot him go out there and play around with Japan till aweary?

The Carnerie Hero Commission has just made another distribution of medals, ig-noring, in the most singular way, the claims of Professor Brander Matthews. The world's biggest bird of prey, says

dentific paper, is the bearded vulture, it pray, however, and the cigars must go to the bearded Dowle.

The White House may be very, very damp, but we have in mind a few fearless parties who would hold the risk of the pneumony at not a fig's worth. Chicago wants a press agent who would be worth a salary of \$10,000. The mischief of it is that Senator Tillman is not "at

Mr. Carnegie says that in the time to come "we shall put brains above money," Some of us do now, Mr. Carnegie.

Tom Lawson has been invited to appear in vandeville. We suppose it was an open-always house.

Says an exchange; "Senator-elect Gug-senhelm began life bare-footed." Footed, or faced? Feel blue when you read the Black-

About Boston's lid there hangs an air OLD BOOKS WANTED of well-nigh Taftesque fixity. Four fifths of the operatives in Japa

rour filths of the operatives in Japa-ness mills are women, probably due to the fact that they will work for less than the men, who can do better out-side. Men are only employed when ab-located a property of the property of markets, the heavier cardroom work, itc. Weaving in Japan is almost en-litely a woman's job, as spinning is with up.

# Rhymes for To-Day

The Colossus of Roads.

HE world is big, geographers have (I'll give a few statistics in pentameter)it's twenty-five whole thousand miles And eight, they tell us, Larry, in

diameter,

When Atlas tried to carry it about,

He found he was a failure as a carry

He found no man, man; But it's different to-day, for, of course, you've watched the way That the property's controlled by Mr. Harriman:

How the pretty little sphere's set a jump-ing by its ears.

At the slightest nod or beek from Mr. Harriman,

They have lifted off Australia from the O, it's specie that's the great unbeaten derricker!--They have blotted out old Asia, and

They have blotted out old Asia, and mayhap
You have watched them Slotting Europe and America.
And instead of all those obsoleter names,
They are stamping down another—see them, Larry, man!—
So the runner understands that the sky and sea and lands
Are just so much real estate for Mr.
Harriman:
That whatever in them is, is not mine or yours, but his—

yours, but his—
the private little toys of Mr.
Harriman. H. S. H.

### MERELY JOKING

"Why do you object to your daughter's marriage to a titled stranger?"
"It's simply this." answered Mr. Cumrox.
"I don't mind the money, but I object to a
son-in-law who is in a position to insist en
being addressed as 'your lordship' when I went
to make a fuss about his late hours and his 'xxpense account."—Washington Star.

"But why in the world did you want to elope anyway?"
"Well. I was in hopes that her family would never forgive us."—Chicago Record-Herald.

How About Tipping the Coach? Chequely—Money, young man, money can do anything.

Freaklk—Excuse ma, sir, it can't get a fellow into our college eleven.—Town and Country.

Combination Principles. "Young man, there are two questions in life: Will it pay?" and "Is it right?" Which shall you choose?"

you choose?"
"Both, I'll use the first up to 50, and then
I can probably afford to adopt the second."—
Louisville Courier-Journal. Towns—Uncle Sem seems to show more backwariness about borrowing money from other nations than he used to.

Browns—Shoulder say it was a case of more backwardness," but "more reserve."—
Butfalo Commercial.

"Why were you praising your wife's dog so highly to that man? I thought you hated

"I do. But the fellow may steal him if he thinks he's valuable."—Cleveland Leader.

SINCE there is only one first-class steam steam of the steam and steam of Greece would seem a good place for Chinese immigration.—Boston Herald.

The new Senator from Delaware is a lead-g canner, and perhaps can be depended upon o preserve some of the seriler traditions at-aching to the Delaware Senators.—Boston

The year 1908 is said to have been the most prosperous in the history of the world, and there's not a trust to dispute it.—New York American.

It doesn't seem like good business for those ersey legislators to pry Senator Dryden look own the Prudential surplus while the sena-orial contest it still pending.—Washington

COMMENT OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.

Criminal Responsibility.

The very conservative Virginia Corporation Commission has published a report of their in vestigation of the railway collision at Lawyers and in it made certain suggestions of change it he laws which, there is no doubt the Legislature at its next meeting will embody into such legislation as may be deemed necessary on the subject.—Danville Register.

Object Lesson.

The town of Orange has recently macadamized its streets, averaging eighteen feet in width, as a coast of \$1,172.47\$ per mile, for a nine-foot of \$1,172.47\$ per mile, for a nine-foot of the town had to buy its stone from the crusher at \$1.40\$ a ton and pay full price for hauling and labor, while under the recent law in such cases provided the county can obtain convict labor, use its own machinery, already purchased, and with the aid of private subscriptions of stone and money, already promised, can build a nine-foot road for at least 1,000 per mile, the cost of labor being at least one-half of the cost of road. The Board of Supervisors by letting to contract a mile or two of road, leading out of Orango, at a time, can gain the necessary experience to enable it to build all of the road, contemplated in the order of the court calling the election. the order of the court calling all within the \$25,000 .- Orange

The Love of Money.

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Saving the dimes that they may grow into dollars is most commendable, but the truth is when the average man begins to save he confails in love with his money, and when that passion possesses him he ignores the "Fatherhood of God" and the "Brotherhood of man." "Money's best use," said Burns, "is to give to the possessor the forfous privilege of being independent."—Appomattox Times.

For the Public Safety.

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Under the finding of the Corporation Commission it aeems shabultely necessary that the right of reilroads to "run their own business" must be curtailed, as well as that of employes to regulate their own conduct. It should be the public's business to see to it that the railways adopt all the systematic precautions mecassary to minimize wrecks, and that they have these precautions in the hands of careful, sober and not overworked mou. No railroad should be permitted to require trainmen or dispensed to the control of th

## Inviting a Cold.

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More than the usual number of grin cases are now appearing in this city. At this season this is what might be expected. It is in keeping with the increase of catarrhai affections due to the present climatic inclemencies. We must not forget, however, that most of the "colds" and many of the attacks of grip are due to thoughtiess exposure. It is the man who just runs out for a moment and does not think it worth while to don his overcoat, or the one who stands at the open and draughty door to say the "goodby," or runs hardhaaded to open the carriage door. The next day he is chilly, eneezes and coughts and wonders how he got lift, attack. After all, it is the attention to such leng run.—New York Herad.

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# THE NORTH'S NOBLE TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTH'S LOVED SON

Time Not Far Distant When In Every Place Where Statues of Heroes Are Placed Will Be the Figure of Lee.

been the idol of a section; he was never hated in the North as some of his con-temporaries were hated; his spirit, his bearing, the evident chivairy of his nature, made hatred impossible; but he

nature, made hatred impossible; but he was a leader of an attack on the Government, and he was far and away the ablest servant of the Confederacy. There could be little hatred of such a man, but there were deep and widespread animosity and bitterness of feeling.

There has come a great and beneficent change of attitude toward the Southern leader because the North has come to understand both the cause and the man. The mists of ignorance and misunderstanding have dissolved in air, and the fundamental issue has become clear. Intelligent men no longer speak of the

rebellion; they speak of the Civil War; if they wish to be exact, they speak of the War between the States. From the very beginning there were two versions or interpretations of the ideal of liberty held in common by the North and the South; one accepted the Federal Union and the other the State as the unit of government. A strong feeling of loyalty to the State had been developed before the Union was called into being. There is very little doubt that the majority of the men who drew up the Declaration of Independence, of the men who framed the Articles of Confederation, and of the the Union was called into being. There not. Moreover, I take it that the averis very little doubt that the majority of the men who drew up the Declaration of Independence, of the men who framed the Articles of Confederation, and of the patcher's duties, especially in connection nen who adopted the Constitution held with the making up and inspection of more or less strongly the view that they | trains at terminal points where there are re organizing a confederancy of States her than a Natton. The formal logic this position is unanswerable; it was a logic of national development, of the logic of national development, of irresistible historical tendencies, that prevailed against it. The passion for liberty was alike in all parts of the country; in the North that passion found expression in devotion to the Union, in the South in devotion to the State. The War between the States was a conflict between these opposing ideas of the nature of the government; it was fought by men who were equally sincere, devoted, self-sacrificing, passionately loyal to their ideals of State and of liberty. The great conflict was not fundamental control of the self-sacrificing and the self-sacrificing that the first control of the self-sacrificing that and of the self-sacrificing that self-sacrificing that self-sacrificing the self-sacrificing th

The great conflict was not fundamen-tally economic, though economic con-ditions made the issue more definite; it passions; it was one of those tragedi-of which history is full, of conflicti-ideas which cannot be solved except an appeal to force. And, as in the case of all great tragsdies, after the storm of passion there came a great peace; the bewildering clouds dissolved in clear air, through which the field, lately hidden by smoke, lay in full view; and the sequel is not the obliteration of one or other of the two forces, but the readjustment of what was true and enduring in both forces; the birth of a new era of larger sympathies and of a broader movement of life. After Shakespeare had written "Hamilet," "Othelo," "Macbeth," "King Lear"—those great tragsdies in which the plummet is dropped into the deeps of human experience—he wrote "Cymbeline," the "Winter's Tale," "The Tempost"—chose beautiful Romances of Reconciliation, in which compassion, sympathy, self-sacrifice, and the divine insight of love bridge the chasms that hate has opened and heal the wounds of war. To the great Tragsdy of the Civil War has succeeded the greater drama of Reunoniliation and Reunion; the heroes hegin to change places, the victories cease to be the triumphs of sections, the Nation opens its eyes and finds liself enriched for all time by a chapter in its history which it may call in the tuture "The War of Ideas and the Birth of Heroes."

In this transformation, this acceptance

Heroes."

In this transformation, this acceptance by all, of the men who were once heroes of sections, there is nothing strange; what is strange is that the herole on each side should so that the herole on by the other side. To hundred and sixty years ago England was rent asunder by devastating civil strife; and the country was ablaze with hatred and anger. The Puritan thought Prince Rupert a godless Royalist enlisted in an unholy war against the children of light; the Royalist could find no words with which to express his abhorrence of Cromwell, the fanatic and traiter who had betrayed Heroes. Royalist could find no words with which to express his abhorrence of Cromwell, the fanatic and traitor who had betrayed his church, his king, and his country; and Puritan and Royalist united in their condemnation of Lord Falkland, whose heart was divided between his love of order, dignity, the splendid traditions of loyalty, and his English love of liberty, hatred of tyranny, and passion for the rights of the indvidual. To-day, when the King goes to Westminster to open Parliament, he passes the statue of the great Protector set like a king among kings; every Englishman knows the story of Prince Rupert's dashing foray out of Oxford on a night in June, 1643, the furlous ride through Oxfordshire, and the fiery charge on Chalgrove Weld where Hampden fell; men of all parties honor the memory of Lord Falkland, whose heart broke under the weight of calamities which he could not avert. The change that took many decades to accomplish in England has been wrought here in a generation.

Out of the clouds and darkness General Lee emerges as Maraus.

Out of the clouds and darkness General Lee emerges victorious; as Marcus Aurelius had said, "Misfortune nobly borne is good fortune." His genius for war puts him among the foremost soldiers of his age; his purity, contresy, forgetfulness of self, devotion to duty, place him in the front rank of great Americans. The bitterness of the conflict between irreconcilable duties through which he passed will be one of the noblest American traditions. "If I owned the four million slaves in the South, I would sacrifice them all to the Union, he said to Mr. Blair: "but how can I draw my aword on Virginia, my native State?" It is impossible to read the recollections of Mr. Valentine on another page, and the impressions of Professor Mims, who represents the South of today in its largest temper, to read the story of General Lee's splendid fight in what he probably believed from the beginning would be a losing war, to read General Horace Porter's portrayal of his noble fortitude in defeat, and to recall the immense service he rendered the country by his far-seeing acceptance of the result, without understanding the passionate love of the South for its great-Out of the clouds and darkness Gen-

If any man had predicted forty years ago that the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Lee would be observed in all sections of the country, he would have been regarded as an unparticula lunatic. It is only a generation since the passion that fismed into desolating war died down into glowing coals, and these in turn have grown cold and gray. Hatred and bitterness have gone because knowledge and sympathy have made them incredible and impossible. It is not strange that men who once fought one another have become friends; that has happened many times in the history of the world. The strange that in the history of the world. The strange that it should have happened in so short a time. Indeed, the time in which this revolution of feeling has been accomplished has been so brief that Dr. Gladden was well within bounds when he called it a moral miracle.

Love always works miracles; is, indeed, the only power that works miracles, because it is the one supreme manifestation of the Infinite. It is also the only interpreter of man to man. Hate thrives on ignorance and bears its hideous fruitage in the sir of misunderstanding; when the light of love breaks through the murky clouds, the evil thing dies at the roots. General Lee has long that the colors of the Dispatchers.

Justice to the Dispatchers. Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

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Sir.—Does not your paper unintentionally do an injustice to Train Dispatcher Thornton? In your summary of the State Corporation Commission's report of their investigation of the lamentable Southern Railway wreck, in which President Spencer was killed, you say, "And the commission criticized the failure of the dispatcher at Lynchburg to report the defective condition of one of the trains, which contributed to the ultimate cause of the collision."

But what says the report? Paragraph two of the commission's own summary distinctly states that the defective condition of the train "should have been reported to the dispatcher," and instruction asked of him; and paragraph eight says, "Dispatcher Thornton, at Lynchburg, should have known of the condition of train 33, and that definite instruction should have been given the conductor as to handling the car with defective couplings." Are we to assume that the commission intends to censure the dispatcher in paragraph eight-for lack of information which paragraph two censures another for not furnishing him? I think mation which paragraph two censures another for not furnishing him? I think yard-masters, station-masters and in-

yard-masters, station-masters and inspectors.

Ag in the thousands of columns of recent newspaper discussion of the rallway question in all its ramifications, the functions of the dispatchers has not perceptibly figured, it may be pardoned an old knight of the key to expras his sense of pleasure that his brothers have maintained such an excellent record of freedom from wreck causations. Their splendid pattence, as a class, is demonstrated strikingly by their silence when the press correspondents so generally confound their positions with others, especially with the telegraph operators, whose duties are surely important and essential, but by no means identical with those of the dispatchers. The train dispatcher figures out and transmits the train-orders to the operators, whose duty it is to properly "copy" and deliver the orders to the trains. The traveling public sees the operators sometimes, but seldom comes in contact with the isolated knight of the key, whose brains are ever busily engaged in "keeping things moving" with safety and dispatch. And I trust pardon will be graciously granted me for saying that as a class the railways have no more loyal and faithful employes than the train dispatchers.

And, after all the elaborate discussion of the railway question, one thing is especially clear to reflecting minds, and that is that justice must be granted where justice is demanded; that in strenuously insisting upon a "square deal" by the railways the public must not allow any abnormal prejudice to hamper the natural up-builders of our country. A just conception of the logical community of interests by the railways and the public and fine "esprit de corps" in the interests by the railways and the public and fine "esprit de corps" in the apectors.

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conception of the logical community of interests by the railways and the public and fine "esprit de corps" in the railway army, unmarred by selfish motives and agitations, will so very far towards settling the railway problem. W. M. BICKERS.

Richmond, Va., January 15 ..

Brilliant Idea. Hyker-Tapeleigh, the dry goods man, has a scheme that keeps his store filled with customers.

Pyker-Advertising scheme, ch? Hyker—No, not exactly. He keeps a parrot just inside the door that exclaims, "Oh, what a pretty young lady!" every time a woman comes along—and, of course, the woman can't resist the temptation to go in and buy something.—Chi-cago News.

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Growells-Because they've been dead for years.-New York Press.



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